

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.       A console for use in a vehicle having a vehicle system controlled by a user, the  
2 console comprising:  
3               a base coupled to the vehicle;  
4               a control module operatively coupled to the vehicle system and movably  
5 coupled to the base; and  
6               at least one component coupled to by the base,  
7               wherein the control module is configured to move between a first position  
8 wherein the least one component is at least partially concealed by the control module and a  
9 second position wherein the at least one component is accessible to the user.

1           2.       The console of claim 1, wherein the control module comprises a user interface  
2 configured to allow the user to control the vehicle system.

1           3.       The console of claim 2, wherein the control module is electrically coupled to  
2 the vehicle system and controls the vehicle system with an electrical signal.

1           4.       The console of claim 3, wherein the control module controls the vehicle  
2 system without a mechanical linkage.

1           5.       The console of claim 4, wherein the vehicle system is a transmission and the  
2 control module is a transmission control assembly, wherein the transmission control assembly  
3 comprises:  
4               a support structure movably coupled to the base; and  
5               a user interface supported by the support structure and configured to allow a  
6 user to control the gear selection of the vehicle transmission,  
7               wherein user interface is electrically coupled to the vehicle transmission.

1           6.       The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is slidably coupled to the  
2 base and adapted for translational movement in a fore and aft direction of the vehicle.

1           7.       The console of claim 6, wherein the control module is configured to slide in a  
2 curvilinear manner corresponding to the shape of the base.

1           8.       The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is rotatably coupled the  
2 base and adapted for rotating between the first position and the second position.

1           9.       The console of claim 8, further comprising a hinge for pivotally coupling the  
2 control module to the base, and positioned to allow the control module to be rotated away  
3 from the user.

1           10.      The console of claim 1, wherein the control module is at least partially  
2 concealed when moved into at least one of the first position or the second position.

1           11.      The console of claim 1, wherein the control module can be selectively locked  
2 in at least one of the first position or the second position.

1           12.      The console of claim 1, wherein the at least one component comprises at least  
2 one of a storage receptacle or a vehicle control.

1           13.      The console of claim 1, wherein the base is movably coupled to the vehicle.

1           14.      The console of claim 13, wherein the base is coupled to a vehicle seat that is  
2 movably coupled to the vehicle.

1           15.      The console of claim 14, wherein the base is movably coupled to the vehicle  
2 seat and configured to move between a use position and a stowed position to provide for a  
3 pass-through area in the vehicle.

1           16.      The console of claim 13, wherein the base is movably coupled to an  
2 instrument panel located in a front portion of the vehicle.

1           17.      The console of claim 16, wherein the base is pivotally coupled to the  
2 instrument panel.

1           18.      A console for use in a vehicle having a vehicle system, the console system  
2 comprising:

- 3                   a base movably coupled to the vehicle;
- 4                   a control module operatively coupled to the vehicle system and fixedly
- 5                   coupled to the base; and
- 6                   at least one article supported by the base,

7                    wherein the base the is configured to be selectively repositionable within the  
8   vehicle.

1            19.        The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to a floor of the  
2   vehicle.

1            20.        The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to an  
2   instrument panel located in a front portion of the vehicle.

1            21.        The console of claim 18, wherein the base is movably coupled to a vehicle  
2   seat and configured to move between a use position and a stowed position to provide for a  
3   pass-through area in the vehicle.